

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**Psalm 98:1**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing\*

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 86 (p. 814)

Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

**Guard my life, for I am devoted to you.**

You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.

**Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I call to you all day long.**

Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.**

Hear my prayer, O LORD; listen to my cry for mercy.

**In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me.**

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

**All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord;  
they will bring glory to your name.**

For you are great and do marvelous deeds;

**you alone are God.**

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;

**give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.**

I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

**For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave.**

The arrogant are attacking me, O God; a band of ruthless men seeks my life—  
men without regard for you.

**But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger,  
abounding in love and faithfulness.**

Turn to me and have mercy on me; grant your strength to your servant  
and save the son of your maidservant.

**Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,  
for you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

\* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

## Hymn of Preparation\*

Hymn 16 (stanzas 1-3, 7)

### *Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord*

Come, let us sing unto the Lord  
New songs of praise with sweet accord;  
For wonders great by him are done,  
His hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God  
Is seen through all the earth abroad;  
Before the heathen's wond'ring sight  
He has revealed his truth and right.

He called to mind his truth and grace  
In promise made to Israel's race;  
And unto earth's remotest bound  
Glad tidings of salvation sound.

For lo, he comes; at his command  
All nations shall in judgment stand;  
In justice robed and throned in light,  
The Lord shall judge, dispensing right. Amen.

## Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Almighty God, glorious and holy, we confess that we have broken your commandments and sinned against you.

**All:** We confess that we have sinned against you and others in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We acknowledge that we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**Leader:** Have mercy on us, we pray, and grant us your forgiveness. Cause us to lay aside the sin which clings so closely, and equip us to run with endurance the race that is set before us.

**All:** Give us a growing desire to joyfully serve you and one another as we follow Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

## Private Confession of Our Sins

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:17-20

And Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 13:8-10

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 108

### *Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right*

Whate'er my God ordains is right:  
His holy will abideth;  
I will be still whate'er he doth,  
And follow where he guideth.  
He is my God: though dark my road,  
He holds me that I shall not fall:  
Wherefore to him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right:  
He never will deceive me;  
He leads me by the proper path;  
I know he will not leave me.  
I take, content, what he hath sent;  
His hand can turn my griefs away,  
And patiently I wait his day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right:  
Though now this cup, in drinking,  
May bitter seem to my faint heart,  
I take it, all unshrinking.  
My God is true; each morn anew  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,  
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right:  
Here shall my stand be taken;  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
Yet am I not forsaken.  
My Father's care is round me there;  
He holds me that I shall not fall:  
And so to him I leave it all. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 24.** *How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?*

**A.** Christ executes the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

**Q. 25.** *How does Christ execute the office of a priest?*

**A.** Christ executes the office of a priest in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

**Q. 26.** *How does Christ execute the office of a king?*

**A.** Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### Doxology\*

Hymn 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Lord's Prayer\*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading\*

1 Peter 1:1-9

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 86:1-11])

Hymn 91

### *Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord, and Hear*

**All:** Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear,  
For I am poor and great my need;  
Preserve my soul, for thee I fear;  
O God, thy trusting servant heed.

**Ladies:** O Lord, be merciful to me,  
For all the day to thee I cry;  
Rejoice thy servant, for to thee  
I lift my soul, O Lord Most High.

**Men:** For thou, O Lord, art good and kind,  
And ready to forgive thou art;  
Abundant mercy they shall find  
Who call on thee with all their heart.

**Ladies:** O Lord, incline thine ear to me,  
My voice of supplication heed;  
In trouble I will cry to thee,  
For thou wilt answer when I plead.

**Men:** There is no God but thee alone,  
Nor works like thine, O Lord Most High,  
All nations shall surround thy throne  
And their Creator glorify.

**All:** In all thy deeds how great thou art!  
Thou one true God, thy way make clear;  
Teach me with undivided heart  
To trust thy truth, thy name to fear. Amen.

Installation of Women's Ministry Officers

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

“The Blessing of Belief”  
John 20:24-31

## **GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Congregational Response

Hymn 305

### ***Arise, My Soul, Arise***

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for ev'ry race, his blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry. Amen.

**Benediction\***

**Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit,  
Be to God and God alone!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
One in Three and Three in One. Amen.







# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.*

## **Monday, February 7**

Scripture: Exodus 26:1 - 27:21; Matthew 25:1-30; Psalm 31:1-8; Proverbs 8:1-11

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 27

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

## **Tuesday, February 8**

Scripture: Exodus 28:1-43; Matthew 25:31 - 26:13; Psalm 31:9-18; Proverbs 8:12-13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 1

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

## **Wednesday, February 9**

Scripture: Exodus 29:1 - 30:10; Matthew 26:14-46; Psalm 31:19-24; Proverbs 8:14-26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 2

Pray for: Our covenant children, and Christian military chaplains.  
The churches in Eritrea and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, February 10**

Scripture: Exodus 30:11 - 31:18; Matthew 26:47-68; Psalm 32:1-11; Proverbs 8:27-32

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 3

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

## **Friday, February 11**

Scripture: Exodus 32:1 - 33:23; Matthew 26:69 - 27:14; Psalm 33:1-11; Prov. 8:33-36

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 4

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.  
Our pregnant mom.

## **Saturday, February 12**

Scripture: Exodus 34:1 - 35:9; Matthew 27:15-31; Psalm 33:12-22; Proverbs 9:1-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 5

Pray for: The preaching, and for our Sunday School teachers.

## **Sunday, February 13**

Scripture: Exodus 35:10 - 36:38; Matthew 27:32-66; Psalm 34:1-10; Proverbs 9:7-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 6

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

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*Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.*

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## LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples who were gathered together in a locked room and showed them the wounds he received in his hands and side from the crucifixion. John records in 20:20 that when the disciples saw the wounds they were “glad when they saw the Lord.” They were glad because the wounds were proof that Jesus had indeed been resurrected and proof that he is the Christ.

But we also know from verse 24 that not all the disciples were together in that room that first Sunday. Thomas was noticeably absent for reasons John does not record. But Thomas' absence gave an opportunity to showcase the wisdom and compassion of God. The disciples who saw Jesus recounted their meeting with him to Thomas. At this point, Thomas had heard stories of the resurrected Jesus from Mary Magdalene (20:18) and his fellow disciples, yet he still did not believe. This puts us, those who have only heard of Jesus' resurrection and not seen him, in the same situation as Thomas. We might hear our own voice when Thomas said, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” One week later, Jesus graciously gave these very opportunities to Thomas. But it seems that Thomas didn't have to touch Jesus; he, like the other disciples, believed when he saw him. In verses 30-31, John tells us that if we, like Thomas, want proof of Jesus' resurrection then we need look no further than the many signs (miracles) recorded in the gospel. When we approach these signs by faith, they are proof enough to satisfy that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of God.

1. Read John 11:16, 14:5, and 20:24-25. From what you learn about him in these verses, how would you describe Thomas? Why do you think he was so determined to disbelieve the report of the other disciples?
2. According to v. 25, what did the disciples do for Thomas? How can we apply this to believers who may have missed a worship service?
3. Read again Thomas' statement in v. 25. Then read v. 29. Did Thomas really have to touch Jesus in order to believe? What encouragement can we get from these verses when we hear someone demand a certain kind of “proof” about Jesus before they will believe?
4. Read verses 30-31. For what purpose did John record certain signs (miracles) that Jesus performed? How do the signs recorded in Scripture serve as proof that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God?
5. How are you encouraged and your faith strengthened by reading about the signs Jesus performed?

## Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord, and Hear

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Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Guard my life, for I am devoted to you. Ps. 86:1, 2

1. Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear, for I am  
 2. O Lord, be mer - ci - ful to me, for all the  
 3. For thou, O Lord, art good and kind, and read - y  
 4. O Lord, in - cline thine ear to me, my voice of

poor and great my need; pre - serve my soul, for  
 day to thee I cry; re - jice thy ser - vant,  
 to for - give thou art; a - bun - dant mer - cy  
 sup - pli - ca - tion heed; in trou - ble I will

thee I fear; O God, thy trust - ing ser - vant heed.  
 for to thee I lift my soul, O Lord Most High.  
 they shall find who call on thee with all their heart.  
 cry to thee, for thou wilt an - swer when I plead.

5. There is no God but thee alone,  
 nor works like thine, O Lord Most High;  
 all nations shall surround thy throne  
 and their Creator glorify.
6. In all thy deeds how great thou art!  
 Thou one true God, thy way make clear;  
 teach me with undivided heart  
 to trust thy truth, thy name to fear.